

TELEPHONE CALLS, Tuesday, March 24, 1959 *hK*

9:15 - Gordon Gray telephoned with reference to their conversation yesterday afternoon. Gray said in thinking it over he had the impression what bothered Mr. Herter most was the necessity of stating our allies positions on certain points. Gray said the "round-up" this morning indicated the meetings next week will consider the Working Group report and approve it and agree what NATO Council can be told. Gray said this is what he meant in asking when talking papers become position papers. Gray said he wanted to ask, before seeing the President, whether without trying to get into a prediction of what other governments will do we can have a round down on what points are agreed or not agreed. CAH said he thinks the Working Group is back today but we may have difficulty by Thursday in digesting their reports. Gray said the President may not want anything, but may want to know how we stand when we go into the meetings next week. CAH said if the President did so desire, he would still like to do it in a limited meeting with the President, Defense and ourselves. Gray said he wanted CAH to know he understands we can't predict what other nations will do, but hoped we could summarize the papers on which we are going to take positions next week, and to the extent they involve reduction of forces, etc., it seemed to Gray when it gets into discussion with Foreign Ministers it may become official US policy. Gray then summarized his understanding of CAH's ~~XXXXXXXX~~ position as 1) problem of stating allies positions which Gray now recognizes as impossible at the moment; 2) that CAH is really concerned by number of people present if meeting is held.



*Limited NSC
mtg set up at
9:00 am 3/26
Gray meeting
outlining points
for discussion
ended 7:20 pm
3/25.*

No further action

see memo 12:00 - The President telephoned (see attached)
12:10 - Telephoned Mr. Hagerty to say he might want to take into consideration Macmillan speech in Commons as an additional reason for the President postponing his press conference. Hagerty said the President had already decided to go ahead tomorrow.

No action

12:50 - Mr. McCone telephoned to say he had been on the Hill all morning and said he thinks he has this fall-out thing straightened out. McCone said Gore said when they adjourned he would like to tell McCone he is going to question him this afternoon on the Geneva Conference. McCone said this is difficult since it is a public hearing with the press there and McCone wanted CAH's advice. CAH said he would stick with the veto issue; we adjourned because they were not making progress; the real sticking point is what is to us an unacceptable position on the veto on inspections. McCone asked about the technical complications, but CAH had to leave for the "White House" so this was only briefly touched on.

No action